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SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT RE US-SAUDI COOPERATION

REF: (A) JIDDA 1587; (B) STATE 61104

1. CHARGE CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 30 BY ACTING
FONMIN MOHAMMED MAS'UD, WHO PASSED ON TEXT OF PROPOSED
ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT US-SAUDI COOPERATION. MAS'UD SAID
HE HAD JUST RECEIVED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM RIYADH.

2. DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT IN ARABIC; IT IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL
WITH THAT WORKED OUT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PRINCE FAHD
(REF A). EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM
OF SAUDI ARABIA CONDUCTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA HAVE RESULTED IN THE READINESS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMY, TECHNOLOGY
AND INDUSTRIALIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE KINGDOM WITH
WHAT IT REQUIRES FOR ITS DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD BIN ABD AL-AZIZ WILL UNDER-
TAKE A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT MAY FOR A DIS-
CUSSIONS OF THESE SUBJECTS, IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION
WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON SENT TO
HIS HIGHNESS. H.E. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY

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KISSINGER, WILL LEAD THESE DISCUSSIONS ON THE AMERICAN

SIDE.

IN WELCOMING THIS POSITIVE STEP BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA HOPES THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE MAY BE REALIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SO THAT THE PEOPLE (OF THE REGION) MIGHT ENJOY SECURITY AND STABILITY (AND) BE FREE TO BUILD THEIR COUNTRIES AND WORK EARNESTLY AT THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY. END QUOTE

3. PRECEDING TRANSLATION RENDERED FAIRLY LITERALLY TO GIVE DEPARTMENT ACCURATE VERSION OF TEXT.

4. MAS'UD ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON TEXT ASAP; AND ALSO ON OUR VIEWS FOR A POSSIBLE JOINT RELEASE DATE. THE EARLIER THIS COULD TAKE PLACE, HE SAID, THE BETTER. CHARGE SAID SAG SHOULD HAVE WASHINGTON'S REPLY TO BOTH OF THESE POINTS SHORTLY.

5. COPY OF DRAFT SAUDI LANGUAGE BEING POUCHED NEA/ARP ATTENTION MR. WRAMPELMEIER.
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